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Cuban Exiles Deny CIA Hatched Plot

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WASHINGTON — A Cuban exile organization, which lost six men in a doomed raid on Cuba Sunday night, denied yesterday the raiders were sent by the CIA to assassinate Fidel Castro.

"The action was performed with equipment and money belonging to Cubans," said spokesmen for Commandos L. "Everything was bought with money freely given by Cubans in exile."

Cuba captured two of the raiders, Antonio Cuesta and Eugenio Zaldivar. The government called Cuesta "a CIA agent" and said he had made a full confession.

Two other raiders, Herminio Diaz and Roberto Anta, were killed on the beach shortly after landing in Miramar in suburban Havana. Two others, Armando Romero and Guillermo Alvarez, were killed at sea when Cuban patrol boats destroyed their launch.

Cuba charged that the raiders left from Marathon in the Florida Keys. Commandos L denied this, saying they left from a base outside the U.S. They declined to identify the base.

IN HAVANA, the Cuban government said security troops have captured "an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)" in neighboring Pinar Del Rio province. He was identified as Jose Ramon Velez Cabrera, and was said to have been a member of a sabotage team infiltrated from Miami.

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